

determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Saint Wake is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Saint Wake for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

HONORING THE NAPA VALLEY
COLLEGE PUENTE PROGRAM

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 1, 2019

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the Napa Valley College Puente Program on the 15th anniversary of its implementation.

Since its launch in 2004, the Puente Program has served underrepresented community college students in the Napa Valley. The curriculum-focused program was designed to assist Napa Valley College students that are statistically more likely to not finish college. The Puente Program helps students acquire the necessary skills for success in both their academic and professional careers. Students are paired with a Counselor, English Instructor, and Mentor to help them prepare to transfer to a four-year college or university. The program accepts all students, but the majority of students link their background to Mexico and other countries in Central and South America. The Puente Program tailors its services and class materials to connect students to their Mexican-American and Latino identities.

The Puente Program also spurred the creation of the student-led Puente Club. The Puente Club has been instrumental in collaborating with the community on initiatives, including the first ever Dreamer's Conference. The Napa Valley Community Foundation awarded the program three grants to help further its impactful work. Many of the students of the Puente Program have already positively impacted our community. Two students became Napa County Student Leaders of the Year, one is a dedicated social worker, some have become Puente leaders, and even more have returned to serve our community in myriad ways.

The Napa Valley College Puente Program is a member of the Northern California Statewide Puente Project. It is governed by a statewide Memorandum of Understanding and the college funds personnel and events. The Napa Valley College Puente Program would not be the successful and collaborative project it is today without its founders, Cathy Gills, Mary Salceda, and Christina Rivera.

Madam Speaker, the Napa Valley Puente Program is an important institution in our community. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor the program on its 15th anniversary.

IN MEMORY OF RAYMOND
CAUGHMAN

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 1, 2019

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, the people of Lexington and South Carolina are mourning the loss of one of its great citizens, Mr. Raymond Caughman.

He was "Mr. Lexington" leading the small town of Lexington in banking and civic service to be the center of one of America's most dynamic counties. He and his wife, Lib, are beloved in the community. The following obituary for Caughman-Harman Funeral Home clearly indicates his achievements.

LEXINGTON.—Funeral services for Raymond Sox Caughman, Sr., 92, will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 31, 2019, at St. David Lutheran Church with interment to follow in the church cemetery. The family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 30, 2019, at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. David Lutheran Church, 132 St. David's Church Road, West Columbia, SC 29170. Mr. Caughman was born January 10, 1927 in Lexington, SC, and passed away on Thursday, March 28, 2019. He was a son of the late Willie Morgan and Mary Catherine Sox Caughman. Mr. Caughman was educated in the Lexington Public Schools, graduating in 1944. He attended the American Institute of Banking from 1954 to 1957 and earned an Honorary Doctorate from Newberry College. He served in the US Army from July 20, 1945 through December 31, 1946, serving with occupational forces in China in 1946. Mr. Caughman's employment included The Bank of Lexington, of The Lexington State Bank (President and CEO) and he retired from BB&T Bank and was Coroner of Lexington County. He was President of both the SC Bankers Association and Independent Bankers of SC. His many involvements included the Lexington Chamber of Commerce, Lexington Rotary Club, Lutheran Men, SC Lutheran Synod (Treasurer), Lexington School District One Board of Trustees and Educational Foundation, Woodmen of the World (National Director), 6-51 Club, Lexington County Planning Commission, Central Midlands Planning Commission, Walking Horse Association, Lexington Medical Center Foundation Board, and he was honored by Lexington Extended Care when a wing of one of the buildings was named "Caughman Way". Mr. Caughman is survived by his wife of 67 years, Ann Elizabeth "Lib" Hook; children, Ann Elizabeth Caughman Alexander (Gene), Amanda Catherine "Mandy" Caughman Derrick (John), Raymond S. "Ray" Caughman, Jr. (Ron); grandson, John Caughman Alexander (Katie); granddaughters, Beth Ann Alexander Bremer (Mike), Anna Catherine Derrick Panning (Jonathan), Sarah Elizabeth Derrick; great-grandchildren, Anderson Alexander, Caughman Alexander, Allie Bremer and Jacob Panning and twin brother, Hampton Sox Caughman, Sr. He was predeceased by his siblings, Evelyn C. Segelken, Zela C. Boozer, Henry Etta C. Frye, Henry Morgan Caughman, Sue C. Shull, Elford Caughman, Virginia C. Shull and Kenneth Caughman. Caughman-Harman Funeral Home, Lexington Chapel, is assisting the family with arrangements.

HONORING THE DISTRICT OF
COLUMBIA NATIONAL GUARD

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 1, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing another outstanding achievement by the District of Columbia National Guard. On February 1, 2019 Burkina Faso became the 76th nation to join the State Partnership Program—a Department of Defense joint security cooperation program administered by the National Guard. The program is executed by the individual states, territories and the District of Columbia. I am proud to inform this body that the D.C. National Guard and the Burkina Faso Armed Forces will now be establishing a military-to-military relationship focused on security cooperation.

The State Partnership Program provides an equally beneficial relationship between armed forces of partnering U.S. National Guard states, territories, the District of Columbia and foreign nations. It is administered by the National Guard Bureau and guided by State Department foreign policy goals. These partnerships support Combatant Command campaign objectives, strengthen alliances, provide cost-effective subject matter expert engagements and enhance defense security.

The District of Columbia National Guard's partnership with Burkina Faso will be in addition to the current partnership between the D.C. National Guard and Jamaica. Since 1999, the District of Columbia National Guard has had a successful and productive partnership with Jamaica. In 2018, the D.C. National Guard and the Jamaica Defense Forces conducted 17 key subject matter expert engagements including work on drug-trafficking, military police response and domestic security, humanitarian assistance and disaster relief response, and preparation for medical and dental personnel, among other activities.

The Burkina Faso state partnership would not have happened without the leadership of Major General William J. Walker, the Commanding General of the D.C. National Guard, Brigadier General Aaron R. Dean II, the Adjutant General D.C. National Guard, Justin Som, Burkina Faso's Secretary General of the Minister of Defense, Andrew R. Young, the U.S. Ambassador to Burkina Faso Brigadier, General Moses Miningou, the Chief of General Staff for the National Armed Forces of Burkina Faso, and Brigadier General Steven deMilliano, U.S. Air Force, Deputy Director for Strategy, Engagement and Programs Directorate at United States Africa Command. Many others contributed as well from the D.C. National Guard, Department of Defense, National Guard Bureau and State Department.

As the D.C. National Guard embarks on this new mission, I look forward to supporting them every step of the way. I trust through their dedication and sacrifices, they will help strengthen shared national security goals while fostering a partnership of peace, prosperity, and freedom for the people of Burkina Faso and the region.